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### WEST CHATHAM VISUALIZATION AND LAND USE PLANNING PROJECT VISIONING STUDY - DESIGN CHARETTE

Chatham Community Center  
702 Main Street, Chatham, MA 02633  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - Large Conference Room  
July 29, 2010 - 7:00 PM

To complement the ongoing planning efforts to make traffic improvements in the West Chatham Area, The Board of Selectmen (BOS) has given direction to initiate land use planning activities with the assistance of the Cape Cod Commission (CCC) for areas outside of the road layout in West Chatham. The Commission will be bringing its village center planning experience and technical visualization skills to help residents evaluate potential future land use outcomes, by using graphic visualizations to be reviewed by the public.

The overall scope of this project will include a phased approach and close coordination / interaction with the ongoing traffic engineering project focused on Main Street/Route 28 improvements to the George Ryder Road and Barnhill Road intersections and the interconnecting corridor. The first phase of this project, “**Planning & Visualization**”, will be facilitated by staff of the Cape Cod Commission (CCC). Upon completion of the first phase, the second project phase will be “**Zoning**” where the results of the endorsed vision indentified by consensus in phase one will be used as the basis to create zoning measures implementing the land use vision for the West Chatham corridor area.

The first meeting for phase one of this project on July 29<sup>th</sup>, is a **Planning Charette** to gather information involving a broad array of citizens and interests, and review the existing conditions of the area to develop and gain consensus on a vision for West Chatham.

The subsequent meetings for phase one include the following:

- **Conceptual Alternatives** – Conceptual Alternatives based on input received at charette will be presented at a public meeting for input resulting from the charette for consideration.
- **Revised Alternatives** – Revised Alternatives based on input received on the conceptual alternatives will presented at this follow up public meeting for further public consideration.
- **Present Final Visualizations** – At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen, CCC and Town staff will convey the results of the previous meetings by presenting alternatives endorsed by representatives of the community participating in the process to seek

executive approval to pursue zoning needed to implement the vision and initiate the next phase of the project.

The targeted completion for phase one is the end of 2010. Project background information is available for review and download on the Town's website under *Town Projects* at [http://www.chatham-ma.gov/Public\\_Documents/ChathamMA\\_WebDocs/residents](http://www.chatham-ma.gov/Public_Documents/ChathamMA_WebDocs/residents) or in hardcopy at Town Offices Annex, 595 Main Street. Additional meetings and presentations will be scheduled throughout the planning process for this project. Questions on the upcoming Public Informational Meeting can be directed to: Terry Whalen, Principal Planner, (508) 945-5168 – [twhalen@chatham-ma.gov](mailto:twhalen@chatham-ma.gov) or Tabitha Harkin, Special Projects Coordinator Cape Cod Commission (508) 362 – 3828 – [tharkin@capecodcommission.org](mailto:tharkin@capecodcommission.org)

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